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1. A Black Sea base of the Soviet Navy is about two miles northwest of OCHENCHIRI (42°43'N/41°28'E), Georgian SSR, northwest of the mouth of a small river.
2. A jetty, 10 feet above water, extends south from the shore about 65 feet into the sea. Thus a harbor basin, about 330 feet wide, is formed where the naval installations are located. They consist of one main building (a three-story, stone building with a cupola-shaped tower, 100x160 feet) with a radio mast and a signal mast, a depot (single-floor stone building, 50x250 feet) and a permanent barracks building (three-story stone building about 200x65 feet) with small annexes. These buildings were occupied by Soviet naval personnel whose uniforms and cap ribbons could not be made out due to the distance.
3. The following vessels called at this naval base:
 - a. Eight to twelve speedboats* which stayed there one to three weeks; they were gone for about the same length of time. They were very fast, low-sided motorboats with square sterns and low conning towers. Only a few small-caliber guns could be made out. Torpedo tubes were not seen. Firing practice at towed targets was frequently done about three miles off the coast. The rapid rate of fire also indicated small calibers. From time to time the boats held maneuvers along the coast in groups of four to eight units.
 - b. Off and on, two to four torpedo boats** anchored near the harbor. At sea, their speed was inferior to that of the speedboats. They were low-sided vessels, at least 200 feet long with raised forecastles, two or three funnels, a high foremast and a lower mast aft. A 70 to 100-mm gun was discernible both forward and aft.

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- c. Frequently speedboat-like motorboats, but of a heavier design and slower speed, put into the harbor.
- d. Minor warships, about 200 feet long with one funnel mounted by a 76 or 80-mm gun forward, were also observed***.
- e. A tanker about 150 to 200 feet long called at the harbor for one to three days every two or three weeks.

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Due to its location, the Laval Hospital was a very good observation point.

- * The fact that no torpedo tubes were seen on the speedboats is due to the probability that they are a smaller type of speedboat discharging their torpedoes over the stern.
- ** These torpedo boats are probably torpedo boats of the Burya-class (two-funneled) and destroyers of the Novik-class (three-funneled) to which the descriptions would apply. The Burya-class boats are now probably employed as fast mine sweepers.
- *** These vessels are presumably mine sweepers.
- § The existence of fuel tank installations in the harbor can hardly be doubted, as such installations were erected in 1942 to get a new fueling station for the Black Sea fleet. An experimental station was said to also belong to that base.

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